

Please add the following paragraph on Page 8 between paragraphs [0040] and [0041].

B4 [0040.1] As best shown in Figure 4B, cover plates 16, 18 further include a raised lip or edge 62. Raised edge 62 is preferably formed around the side walls 55 and at least a portion of the top wall 56 of the cover plates. Raised edge 62 provides increased structural strength and rigidity to cover plates 16, 18. In this manner, raised edge 62 resists twisting and fatigue associated with repeated manipulation of the cover plates. In a preferred orientation, the raised edge 62 extends toward inner surface 22 and 34 of the cover and base respectively.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims in accordance with the following rewritten claims in clean form. Applicant includes herewith an Attachment for Claim Amendments showing a marked up version of each amended claim.

Please amend the following claims.

1. (Amended) A storage container comprising:
 - a base portion having a first series of hinge sections;
 - a cover portion having a second series of hinge sections connected to said base portion said base and cover portions being closeable defining an outer shell and an internal space;
 - a first inner lid portion including a first end with a third series of hinge sections connected to said base portion and said cover portion;
 - a second inner lid portion including a first end with a fourth series of hinge

sections connected to said base portion and said cover portion; and

wherein said first, second, third and fourth hinge sections cooperate to form a single elongated hinge.

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sub 27 2. (Amended) The storage container according to claim 1, wherein one of said base and cover portions includes a latch, said latch being slidable between a locked position and an unlocked position.

sub 23 4. (Amended) The storage container according to claim 3, wherein said first and second inner lid portions include a first and second latch respectively, said first and second latch slidable between a locked position for engaging said first and second inner lid portions to a respective one of said base portion and said cover portion and an unlocked position for disengaging said first and second inner lid portions from said respective base and cover portions.

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16 5. (Amended) The storage container according to claim 5, wherein said base and said cover portions include at least one internal lateral divider wall having a series of locating tabs extending therefrom.

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17 6. (Amended) The storage container according to claim 6, wherein said adjustable divider includes a first and second side having a first and a second end, said first and second sides being flared outwardly at said first and second ends.

(Sb 15) 10. (Amended) A storage container comprising:
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a base portion; and
a cover portion hingedly attached to said base portion, one of said base and cover portions including an inner side having a circumferential wall and at least one upright divider wall having a series of tabs extending therefrom, and at least one removable spacer adapted to selectively interfit with said tabs of said circumferential wall and said divider wall, said spacer having a first end section, middle section and second end section, said first and second end sections having larger cross sections than said middle section.

3 12 (Amended) The storage container according to claim *10*, wherein one of said base and cover portion includes a latch, said latch slidable between a locked position and an unlocked position.

4 13 (Amended) The storage container according to claim *10*, further comprising first and second inner lids hingedly connected to said base portion and said cover portion, said first and second inner lids each including a latch slidable between a locked position for engaging said first and second inner lid portions to said respective base and cover portions and an unlocked position.
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5 14 (Amended) The storage container according to claim *13*, wherein a latch of one of said first and second lids abuts the other latch of said first and second lids when in an unlocked position as said base and cover portions are pivoted from an open

position toward a closed position thereby precluding the container from reaching said closed position.

7 10. (Amended) A storage container, comprising:

a base portion;

a cover portion hingedly attached to said base portion; and

8 10 a first and second inner lid each hingedly connected to said base portion and said cover portion, said first and second inner lids each including a latch slidable between a locked position for engaging said first and second inner lid portions to a respective base and cover portion and an unlocked position, wherein said latch of said first and second lids abuts the other latch of said first and second lids when in an unlocked position as said base and cover portions are pivoted from an open position to a closed position preventing said base and cover portions from fully closing.

Please add the following claims.

11 18. (New) The storage container of claim 6 wherein one pair of said series of

locating tabs opposes a second pair of said series of locating tabs.

11 19. (New) The storage container of claim 14 wherein said at least one adjustable divider includes a body having opposing end portions and a central portion, said central portion being substantially perpendicular to said at least one internal lateral divider wall in an installed position, said opposing end portions having complimentary slots formed

thereon for slidably accepting one of said series of locating tabs in said installed position, said opposing end portions having walls extending at an obtuse angle from said central portion.

~~19~~ 20. (New) The storage container of claim ~~19~~ ¹⁸ wherein said complimentary slots include first and second slots each having an inner wall extending from an outer edge of said opposing end portions, said inner wall of said first and second slot being substantially parallel to said central portion, said first and second slots further including an outer wall extending from said outer edge, said outer walls extending outwardly toward said walls of said opposing end portions.

~~8~~ 21. (New) A storage container comprising:
a base portion;
a cover portion; and
at least one inner lid hingedly connected to at least one of said base and cover portion, said at least one inner lid comprising;
a body portion having opposite side edges, a base edge and a top edge, said body portion including a raised lip disposed on at least one of said opposite side edges and said top edge; and
a latch coupled to said body and slidable between a locked position for engaging said at least one inner lid to one of said base and cover portion and an unlocked position.

22. (New) A spacer for selectively locating within a storage container, said spacer comprising:

a body having a first end section, a middle section and a second end section, said first and second end sections having larger cross sections than said middle section, said first and second end sections further including at least one slot formed thereon adapted for slidably receiving at least one tab member extending from the container in an installed position.

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23. (New) The spacer of claim 22 wherein said first and second end sections include walls extending at an obtuse angle from said middle portion.

24. (New) The spacer of claim 23 wherein said at least one slot includes first and second slots each having an inner wall extending from an outer edge of said first and second end sections, said inner wall of said first and second slots being substantially parallel to said middle section, said first and second slots further including an outer wall extending outwardly toward said outer walls of said respective first and second end section.

25. (New) The spacer of claim 22 wherein the spacer is made from an elastomeric material.

26. (New) The spacer of claim 22 wherein said first and second end sections are symmetric.